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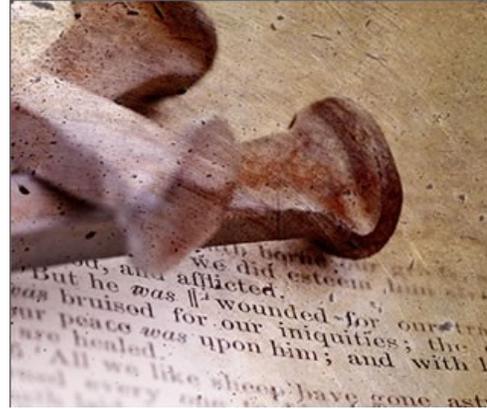
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## MASTERING THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

Mike King



We often speak of someone having a “delightful spirit.” The “spirit” of an individual is reference to one’s attitude, disposition, or general demeanor. Jesus is displayed as having the spirit to be found in each of us.

Looking to Jesus as the “*finisher of our faith*” (Heb. 12:2), it is obvious that His spirit must become our spirit or we cannot belong to God (Rom. 8:9). By developing the “*mind of Christ*,” we concern not ourselves with reputation but acquiring humility (Phil. 2:5-8). This passage indicates that Jesus lived a humble life and taught others to do likewise (Mt. 18:1-3). He Himself learned to accept and do the Father’s will (Jn. 6:38-39). Jesus learned His obedience by His suffering (Heb. 5:8). The crucifixion experience for Jesus marked an end to His work in that it was “*finished*” (Jn. 19:30). He epitomized obedience and established a pattern for all who would serve Him and their fellowman.

The humility of Jesus was only surpassed by His love for everyone. God sent Jesus to be the manifestation of His love for His creation. The salvation of man was the priority of God. Jesus became His means for accomplishing this end (Jn. 3:16). Jesus went a step beyond the normal to love even His enemies and asked those who would be followers of Him to do the same (Mt. 5:43-44). Jesus diligently endeavored to do the will of His Father, but necessitated “*doing the will of my Father which is in heaven*” (Mt. 7:21).

*The expression of Christian character is not good doing,  
but God-likeness. God’s life in us expresses itself as God’s  
life, not as human life trying to be godly.*

If Jesus is allowed to be my pattern or example for the kind of spirit to have in life, what can be the expected result? Paul gave some of the attributes to be expected in those who are “*led by the Spirit*” (Gal. 5:22-26). God’s Spirit operated through His word to instruct man to pattern his spirit accordingly. Forgiveness was very much a part of the spirit of Jesus and must be found in His followers (Mt. 5:43-44; 18:21-22). There should be no limit to our willingness to pardon.

An attribute that impresses me most about our Lord is His willingness to sacrifice. He did so by suffering on the cross (Jn. 19:17-30), dying for all mankind (Heb. 2:9). In that same one selfless act, He purchased the church, paid for it, by the shedding of His own blood (Acts 20:28). When I think of His life and all that He did, one thought comes to mind, “*Go thou and do likewise!*”

## OCTOBER FALL LECTURESHIP SPEAKER

### *Chad Ramsey - Speaker*

Gloster Street Church of Christ ~ Tupelo, MS

OCT. 17, 2012 - 7:00 PM



Chad Ramsey is the minister of the Gloster Street Church of Christ in Tupelo, Mississippi, where he has served since 2003. He and his wife Beverly have three children: Johnson (age 12), Anna Mae (age 10), and Jake Franklin (age 4). Chad is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University (B.A., History), Tennessee Bible College (B.A., Bible; M.A., Christian Doctrine and Apologetics), and the University of Mississippi (M.A., Philosophy). He is currently doing further graduate work at FHU.

Prior to coming to Tupelo, Chad preached at the West Sparta church of Christ, Sparta, Tennessee. He is the author of the book, *Reasons to Believe: A Survey of Christian Evidences*, and he writes Bible class curriculum for Gospel Advocate Company. A second book, *In God's Image: A Study of the Nature of Man*, will be published by Gospel Advocate this fall. He has a weekly article in the Tupelo Journal.

Chad is a regularly sought after speaker for gospel meetings and youth gatherings. He is a talented speaker, academically prepared and grounded in the Word. He is well thought of by the Gloster Street congregation and respected in the Tupelo area. You will find that Chad's presentation will be both interesting and informative. He will be exploring another aspect of "Reaching Beyond Ourselves in 2012".

### **YOUTH NEWS YOUTH NEWS**

- We want to congratulate both our Jr. & Sr. Bible Bowl groups for a job well done this past month. The Junior group answered all their questions and said their memory verses. Our Senior group received first place and was able to bring home the banner. We are so proud of them both!
- Not only do our young people do well with their Bible Bowl competition but they do well at school as well. Recently, *Rachel Peeler* was chosen as a Beauty at Myrtle High School, *Hunter Jennings* was chosen Most Handsome at West Union High School and *Erin Wall* was chosen Most Beautiful at Ingomar High School. Also, *Jamie Crow* recently received the highest possible score for English II Writing at New Albany High School. Congratulations to all these fine young people!
- A campout and hayride is planned for Nov. 2nd at the Walls lake. If you plan to campout be sure to sign the list in the foyer.

### **THANK YOU NOTES**

Dear Church family,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you for all the visits, calls and cards during the loss of my grandmother. Once again you have shown your outpouring love to me and my family. We love you all!

Paige, Phil, Phillip & Audrey Anna Young

New Albany Church of Christ,

I wanted to thank the Church for your thoughtful cards and encouragement as I go through this time of trial. You all have been so good to me through this and have touched my heart. Sometimes people just out of habit say, "Please pray for me," and others say out of habit "I will", then think nothing more of it. I know in my heart that you all have been true prayer warriors for me. Please pray Psalm 91 for me as it is comfort to my soul. Thank you again and may God bless you and keep you safe in His arms. All my love,

Crystal Eaton Bickerstaff



**PRAYER LIST**

**Pat Reed**, is in room 4428 of the Tupelo hospital. She underwent surgery Mon. to remove infection from around the port in her arm.

**Bell Cross**, has not been feeling well and is very weak. She is to undergo tests this week.

**Crystal Bickerstaff**, daughter of *J. L. Eaton*, was unable to have kidney surgery due to complications. Her surgery will be rescheduled.

**Jennie Bell**, is suffering from a pinched nerve in her back. She has an appointment Fri. with a doctor in Oxford.

**Eleta Grimmett**, is at home and improving from her bout with pneumonia.

**Randall Haney**, friend and former elder of *Mike and Sheila King* in FL, has been diagnosed with parpharyngeal space tumor.

**Bobby White**, had treatments this past week in Memphis to correct the ringing in his ears. He is still experiencing some dizziness.

**Continual Prayer**

**Taterrin Wilson, Rosie Wilson, Mayala Wood, Rex Lyon, Altha Rogers, Tauso Branch, Perrin Drummond, Connie Phagan, Mary Alice Holloway, Prebble Foster, Brooks Russell, Jack Dunlap, Larry Averett, John Tierney, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry & Betty Young**

**Shut-Ins**

**Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Belle Cross**

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living: Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris**

**Military List:**

**David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



October 12.....Greg Harrison  
October 16.....Jodi Parks  
October 18.....Rex Bell

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

October 13.....Olen & Teresa Clark  
October 14.....Perrin & Jean Drummond



**BAPTISM**

We rejoice that *Eli Reed* was baptized into Christ Sunday, Oct. 7th at the Zion Rest Congregation in Marietta, MS. He was baptized by his uncle, *David Elliott*. *Eli* is the son of *Don* and *Melissa Reed*. We commend *Eli* on his decision to become a Christian and pray for him as he begins his Christian walk.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP**

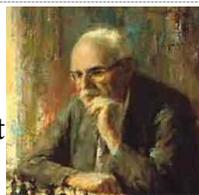
- Wed. Night Lectures continue with *David Powell* of Jackson, TN on the 10th and *Chad Ramsey* of Tupelo, MS on the 17th. A covered dish meal will be served at 5:45 each Wed. night before the 7pm service. Everyone is invited.
- The Men’s Annual Chicken Fest Sunday night, Oct. 14th, following services, at *Phil Young’s* barn. Men, remember to bring your lawn chair!
- Ladies Night Out following services Sun. night, Oct. 14th. Some will be going to Tupelo to eat at Mt. Fuji’s Restaurant and others will meet at McAlisters here in New Albany.

**AREA EVENTS**

- **Gospel Meeting** at the **Ashland Church of Christ** Oct. 14-17. Different speaker each night. Please check the bulletin board.
- **Youth Day** at **Crockett Church of Christ** Oct. 13th, from 10:00-1:00pm. Check bulletin board.
- **Gospel Meeting** at the **Pontotoc Church of Christ** Oct. 14-17 with *John Pigg* as the guest speaker.

“I BELIEVE”

...that until you make peace with who you are, you’ll never be content with what you have .



## OUR RECORD

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Sunday School..... | 106         |
| Sunday A.M.....    | 127         |
| Sunday P.M.....    | 104         |
| Wednesday.....     | 116         |
| Contribution.....  | \$ 3,626.92 |
| Budget.....        | \$ 3,567.55 |

## TO SERVE

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Scripture.....      | David Clayton |
| A.M. Prayer.....    | Phil Young    |
| Closing Prayer..... | Bill Botts    |
| P.M. Prayer.....    | J.L. Eaton    |
| Closing.....        | Dan Cobb      |
| Wed 10/17.....      | Ray Kennedy   |
| Wed. 10/17.....     | Olen Clark    |
| Usher & Lock.....   | Roger Clayton |
| Greeter.....        | B & N Frohn   |



## PANTRY ITEM

Crackers

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Sunday School.....          | 9:30  |
| Morning Worship .....       | 10:30 |
| Evening Worship.....        | 6:00  |
| Wednesday Bible Study ..... | 7:00  |

## ELDERS

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Richard Jennings ..... | 534-6671 |
| Troy Robertson .....   | 534-3491 |

## DEACONS

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Bill Botts.....      | 316-2422 |
| Greg Clayton.....    | 252-9762 |
| Roger Clayton.....   | 538-8195 |
| Harold Russell ..... | 534-4648 |
| Randy Wall .....     | 316-9255 |
| Lonnie Weaver.....   | 801-8448 |

## MINISTER

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Mike King..... | 507-0625 |
| Home.....      | 534-6872 |
| Office .....   | 534-4649 |



*Together with our parents*



*Angela Jo Ashmore*

*&*

*Adam Wayne Little*

*Invite you to share in our love and  
happiness as we unite in marriage*

*Saturday, the thirteenth of October*

*Two thousand and twelve*

*half past five o'clock in the evening*

*The Concord Inn*

*1102 Highway 15 North*

*New Albany, MS*

*Reception to follow*



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